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**LightWorks Optical Systems Named as Finalist in 20th Annual
Orange County Technology Alliance High-Tech Innovation Awards**

Winners will be announced at a gala awards dinner on Oct. 15, recognizing rising stars and established luminaries among the Orange County tech community

Murrieta, CA—September 17, 2013—LightWorks Optical Systems, Inc. has been named as a finalist in the Hardware Device category of the Orange County Technology Alliance annual [High-Tech Innovation Awards](#) for its proprietary iCell System.

Now in its 20th year, this premier awards program event celebrates achievements amongst the regional tech industry by honoring local companies, individuals, and products that drive innovation in Orange County. The association will announce all winners at a gala dinner on Oct. 15, 2013, at the Hilton Costa Mesa.

“We are honored to have been named as one of the top three finalists in this year’s High-Tech Innovation Awards,” said Dr. Mat Ras, principal program manager, LightWorks Optical Systems. “Being recognized by OC Tech Alliance for our unique product is validation of its importance. Our iCell System provides a novel, low cost live cell selection and separation technology that significantly speeds up the drug discovery and development process. As a result, it brings better understanding and potential cures to major diseases, while helping reduce health care costs over time.”

“We received nominations from Orange County’s most important technology companies,” said Sigmund Fidyke III, president, Custom Software, and High-Tech Innovation Awards Judging Committee Chair. “We congratulate LightWorks Optical Systems, Inc. for ascending to the finalist ranks. This region boasts many noteworthy companies that continue to influence technology development throughout the rest of the world, and we’re delighted to highlight them.”

In addition to the product awards, OC Tech Alliance will recognize excellence among chief executives leading Orange County-based tech companies, as well as local tech companies innovating in the areas of product development, financial accountability, and industry leadership. OC Tech Alliance will also celebrate educators and students for their creative use of science, math, and technology in the classroom and the community in conjunction with [Project Tomorrow](#).

About LightWorks Optical Systems

LightWorks Optical Systems, Inc. (LWOS) is a leading provider of high precision optical assemblies, objectives, optics, thin film coatings and optical materials. LWOS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of II-VI Incorporated and operates from facilities located in Tustin and Murrieta, California. The company's award-winning design, engineering, and production capabilities are meeting the complex optical needs of customers in the medical, defense, aerospace, and commercial industries. LWOS is ISO-9001/AS9100/ISO13485 Registered. For more information visit our new website at www.lwos.com.

About Orange County Technology Alliance

Orange County Technology Alliance is a 501(c)6 nonprofit trade association committed to fast-forwarding the local innovation economy. It is the successor organization to the Orange County Council of TechAmerica and AeA. It is the only technology association addressing the needs of small-to-midsize technology companies and their leaders based in Orange County, Calif. The alliance serves members through local networking, professional development, state and federal advocacy, savings on business services and industry recognition. To learn more about membership, contact OC Tech Alliance at info@octechalliance.com or www.octechalliance.com.

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